

## ABSTRACT

5 A method for producing standard control samples to be used to evaluate  
disease states or trauma that involve apoptosis or suppression of apoptosis is disclosed.  
Also disclosed are standard control samples produced by the method. The control  
samples comprise natural or artificial tissues treated *in vitro* to display reproducible,  
predetermined indicators of apoptosis that are equivalent to indicators of apoptotic status  
of corresponding tissues and organs of a living subject.

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